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Addendum - Initial Vapor Migration Pathway Work Plan

Hartford Area Hydrocarbon Plume Site

Hartford, Illinois

ENSR Project No. 01005-093-350

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are two copies of the Addendum to Initial Vapor Migration Pathway Assessment Work Plan for Hartford, Illinois. ENSR Corporation prepared this work plan addendum on behalf of the Hartford Working Group. This document is in response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Illinois EPA review comments (dated April 12, 2004) to the Initial Vapor Migration Pathway Assessment Work Plan submitted February 2004.

Please contact us at (630) 836-1700 if you have any questions or comments.

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